

THE CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

WHY DOES A DENTAL OFFICE NEED TO FUNDRAISE?

IT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED!



40% OF CALIFORNIA'S KIDS ARE COVERED BY MEDI-CAL

MEDI-CAL IS CALIFORNIA'S MEDICAID PROGRAM

It provides public health insurance for Californians with low income. In total, over 13 million of us – that's one in three – rely on the program for health coverage.¹ Medi-Cal Dental (a.k.a. Denti-Cal) is the program that covers oral health care.

LOW DENTI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES RARELY COVER THE TRUE COST OF SERVICES RESULTING IN AN ALARMING SHORTAGE OF PROVIDERS

Most dentists want to treat Denti-Cal patients but they simply can't afford to do so. Low reimbursement rates in combination, high dental school debt, and the costs of running a business prohibits it. Across our state only 1 in 4 dentists accept Denti-Cal and most of these can only afford to treat a limited number of patients.²



MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR PARENTS TO FIND CARE FOR THEIR KIDS

THE CHALLENGE OF FINDING A PROVIDER CREATES CONFUSION, FRUSTRATION, DELAYED CARE, UNNECESSARY TOOTH PAIN, AND EVEN LOST SCHOOL DAYS.²

The problem is even more difficult for parents of kids with special needs or complex medical considerations who require specialized care.



THAT'S WHY THE CDHC EXISTS!

WE'RE HERE TO PROVIDE QUALITY, COMPREHENSIVE ORAL HEALTH CARE TO OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Our mission is to deliver oral health education and comprehensive treatment for economically disadvantaged children, including those with complex medical considerations, while also providing premier training in pediatric and multi-specialty dentistry.



WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE

WE RELY ON OUR PARTNERS TO DELIVER OUR LEVEL OF CARE

As a non-profit 501(c)3 we structure our operations differently than a private dental practice. ~50% of our operating costs are covered by Denti-Cal reimbursements and the other ~50% is earned by our endowment income, training programs, and fundraising efforts.

The dental home for more than 6,500 children and young adults in the greater Long Beach community

Located on the campus of the Miller Children's & Women's Hospital with a Long Beach Unified School District school-based clinic on Santa Catalina Island



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